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Nabors, et al.

Examiner: Le, K.

Group Art Unit: 2761

Application No.: 09/188,863

Filed: November 9, 1998

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the Identification and Purchase of a Product  
Over a Data Network

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This response is offered in response to the final Office Action mailed *July 25, 2001*.

In light of the offered amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

Currently Pending Claims:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a set of product attributes denoting a customer's desired product configuration;

transmitting a request for quote (RFQ) to an automatically selected set of sellers, the RFQ including the customer's desired configuration; and

notifying the requesting customer upon receipt of quotes in response to the transmitted RFQ.

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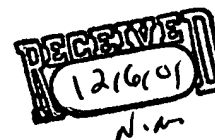
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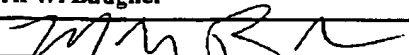
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102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
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